BILL DECKER
SHERIFF
CRIMINAL COURTS BUILDING
DALLAS, TEXAS

December the 16, 1963

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention Mr. J. Gordon Shanklin,
Special Agent in Charge,
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Hoover:

There will be a habeas corpus hearing set Monday, December the 23, 1963, in our city for Jack Ruby, defendant, charged with murder in the slaying of Lee Harvey Oswald, such hearing to be in Criminal District Court Number 5 in the Criminal Courts Building in Dallas.

I wish to request you to permit your agents to be present to check the court room, the halls and all the building for any communist sympathizers or members of subversive groups who may be present.

I am unable to anticipate at this time just how long the assistance of these agents may be needed, but I assure you they will be of much value to us because they can keep a continuous check upon the crowds and work constantly with the people. We are attempting on this occasion to avoid any incidents.

Sincerely,

Bill Decker

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